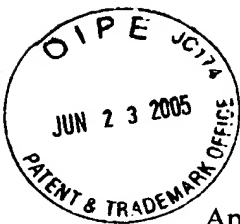


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Sir:

In reply to the issues raised by the Examiner in the Office Action mailed 25 March 2005, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the pending rejections and reexamination of the present application in view of the following amendments and remarks.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 37 of this paper.

Conclusion begins on page 43 of this paper.